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NEW YORK:—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND:—GORDON & GORDON, Melbourne and Sydney.

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SINGAPORE AND STRAITS:—SAYLE & Co., Singapore. C. HEINZELN & Co., Manila.

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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
E. R. BEILLON, Esq. A. McIVER, Esq.
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. WILHELM REINERS, Esq.
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Hon. W. KESWICK.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 5% per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
" 12 " " 5 " " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,

Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, 2,500,000.
RESERVE FUND, 1,150,000.
Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS.

LETT'S DIARIES for 1879.

Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS.

American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs.

FENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

COCOA MATTING.

TAPESTRY CARPET.

DOOR MATS.

California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS.

WHITNEY BLANKETS.

REP and other TABLE COVERS.

Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS.

LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.

GREEN and MARONE REP.

FLANNEL SHIRTINGS.

FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits.

NAVY BLUE SERGE.

CLOTH TROUSER LENGTHS.

Assorted Patterns.

ALBUMS, in great variety.

CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES.

VEYRON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS.

IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH.

DESSERT, DINNER and BREAK-FAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description.

FOLDING CHAIRS.

CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCO.

HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description.

CLARET in Casks. MALT, HOPS.

CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

Intimations.



NAVAL CONTRACT, 1879-80.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be Received by the Undersigned, until Noon on TUESDAY, the 25th Instant, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the Year 1879-80, viz:—

BISCUITS. RAISINS.
SHORT BREAD. RICE.
FRESH BEEF. SUGAR.
FRESH VEGETABLES. TEA.
WATER.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

J. BRENNER,

Storekeeper.

H. M. V. malling Yard,

Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe25

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will Close for Public Business, at 12 o'clock Noon, on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 17th, 18th and 19th Instants.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation,"

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,"

H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,"

J. SOMERVILLE, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,"

E. SCHWABLIN, Asst. Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,"

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.,"

R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879. fe19

WANTED.

ABOUT 6 TONS OF OREGON PINE PLANKS.

Apply to

Capt. HYDE,

8, S. Pernambuco,

Hongkong, February 13, 1879. fe18

TAKASHIMA COAL.

THE Undersigned are prepared to Deliver the above COAL, ex Godown, in quantities to suit Purchasers.

LINSTEAD & CO.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879. fe1

For Sale.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS.

LETT'S DIARIES. LETT'S DIARIES.

RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS.

RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS.

HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILVER LAMPS.

French and English BOOTS and SHOES.

The New Patent LIFE VESTS.

PONY HARNESS, CHUBB'S FIREPROOF SAFES.

SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES.

HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS.

COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS.

SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES.

FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES.

CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.

PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES.

DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS.

DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted.

AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.

SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS.

Bass' ALE.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by Foster.

Bass in Bhd., SACCOONE'S SHERRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be Held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of February next, at THREE O'CLOCK p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe15

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 3rd, to SATURDAY, the 15th February next (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe15

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Tenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February next, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1878, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe26

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th day of February next, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 30, 1879. fe26

OHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be Held at the Office of the General Agents, on THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, with a Statement of accounts to 31st December, 1878.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879. fe20

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 26th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1879. fe20

Entertainment.

ROYAL TYCOON JAPANESE TROUPE.

THIS Company has just completed a very successful tour through India, where they have had the honor of appearing before HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE LORD LYTON, G.C.S.I., Viceroy and Governor-General of India. And all the principal PRINCES and RAJAS. They have also travelled with great success through

ENGLAND! AUSTRALIA!! and NEW ZEALAND!!!

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL,

TOMORROW AND MONDAY

EVENINGS,

the 15th and 17th February, 1879.

The Company is now returning home to Japan, and beg to inform the Public that they will give

TWO GRAND PERFORMANCES,

INTRODUCING

ALL THE STARTLING WONDERES

for which

THIS TROUPE IS FAMED

And which have caused a great sensation wherever they have appeared.

READ THE PROGRAMME.

THE JAPANESE INVISIBLE SLACK

WIRE,

By TORA KIROHIE.

The Greatest Wonder in Balancing ever witnessed.

THE JAPANESE MAGIC LADDER,

by the Little Marvel—EVA KIROHIE.

This Astonishing Feat

performed by a mere child astonishes and delights all beholders.

BENDING and CONTORTION,

By MAY KIROHIE.

Who has been pronounced by the Press to be a Living Wonder.

SLACK ROPE PERFORMANCE,

By LITTLE JAPANESE TOMMY.

THE SWINGING BAMBOO,

By EVA KIROHIE.

JAPANESE MAGIC

INTRODUCING THE WONDERFUL

BIRD CAGE TRICK.

JAPANESE TOP SPINNING

and

MAGIC DAGGER,

By MEMBERS of the TROUPE.

JAPANESE TUMBLING

in which Act, TORA KIROHIE will leap through

A HOOP OF FIRE!!!

SINGLE TRAPEZE and BALANCING,

By EVA KIROHIE.

DOUBLE SWINGING TRAPEZE,

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM Date Mr G. DE CHAMPEAUX Assumes the Management of the Company's Agency at this Port.
L. HENNEQUIN, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.
Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

I HAVE admitted Captain EDWARD BURNIE to an Interest in my Business of MARINE SURVEYOR.
R. H. CAIRNS.
Club Chambers,
Hongkong, February 6, 1879. mal

NOTICE.

MR. ROBERT BERNHARD has This Day CEASED to be a Partner in our Business.
HEINEMANN & Co.,
Ship Brokers.
Hongkong, January 17, 1879. fe17

NOTICE.

MR. EZEKIEL ABRAHAM SOLOMON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm at this Port and in China, from 1st January, 1879.
E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c., at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of "J. G. SMITH & Co." GRANT SMITH.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ELEGANT AMERICAN AND ENGLISH-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, CHROMOS, OLEOGRAPHS, GLASS WARE, PLATED WARE, PIANO, &c., &c.
do., do., do.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. S. LORING, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 25th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Residence, United States Consulate, Arbuthnot Road.—
The whole of the ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:
English-made Mahogany Drawing-room Suite.
American-made Cabinets, with Glass Doors.
Blackwood Tables, Handsomely Carved.
Blackwood Carved Marble-top Tables.
Crystal Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Carpets, Hearth-rugs, Engravings, Oil Paintings, and Chromos.
American Bronzes, Statuettes, and Ornaments.
English-made Mahogany Dining-room Suite.
English-made Mahogany Telescope Dining Table.
American-made Oak Sideboard, Handsomely Carved.
American-made Walnut Dining-room Chairs.
Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, and Glassware.
American Plated-ware.
Double Brass Bedstead, Mahogany Cheval Glass with Marble-top Stands, Marble-top Toilet Table and Washstands, Lady's Wardrobe, American-made Walnut Wardrobe with Plate Glass Door.
Office Desks, Writing Tables, Book Shelves, Clocks, &c.
A COTTAGE PIANO, by JOHN BROADWOOD and SONS.
do., do., do.
Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Monday, the 24th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879. fe25

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of THE CLUB LUSTAGRO, with the sanction of a majority of the Shareholders given in General Meeting.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 1st March, 1879, at 2 p.m., on the Premises,—
Lot 1.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, being portion of Inland Lot No. 125, measuring about 6,406 square feet, with a Frontage of 91 feet, more or less, on Elgin Terrace; and the MATERIALS of that portion of the Building known as the LUMINO THZATRE, being upon the said Piece of Ground.
Lot 2.—The GAS SUNLIGHT BRACKETS, PIPES, and other GAS FITTINGS, and SEATS in the said Theatre.
Conditions of Sale and Particulars of the Property may be obtained upon application at the Office of the Undersigned, and where also a Plan of the Premises may be seen.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879. mal

Auctions.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on the Premises, on

SATURDAY,

the 22nd day of February, 1879, at Noon, if not previously sold by private contract, of which due notice will be given.—

THE ORIENTAL SUGAR REFINERY, situated on the Praya at Wanchai, now in complete working Order and capable of refining 500 piculs of raw sugar per day. The Property comprises all that valuable piece of ground situated at Wanchai, Hongkong, abutting on the North side on the Praya, and measuring thereon One Hundred and Sixty feet, on the South side on the Queen's Road, and measuring thereon Two Hundred feet, on the East side on a close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 42, and measuring thereon Five Hundred and Four feet, and on the West side on a close registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 64 A, and measuring thereon Three Hundred and Eighty-two feet, containing in the whole 86,200 square feet, or nearly two statute acres, all level ground, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 40, held for an unexpired term of 979 years from 1863, with the valuable Messuages and Buildings thereon, which were especially built for the purposes of a Sugar Refinery according to Weinrich's Patent and other approved processes, with the valuable new Machinery, Plant, Fixtures and Fittings thereon. Also the sole right and benefit of the Patent for Refining Sugar by the Weinrich Process, obtained from the Government of Hongkong by WILLIAM MCGREGOR SMITH for the term of Fourteen Years from the 28th day of May, 1874.
There is an abundant and unfailing supply of fresh water on the Premises, ample for refining over 2,000 piculs of Sugar daily.
The whole Property will be sold free from all charges and Incumbrances save the Crown Rent and Taxes, subject to the conditions of Sale, which can be inspected at the Office of the Undersigned.
For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to WILLIAM HENRY BRENETON, Solicitor, No. 29, Queen's Road; Messrs SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House; and Messrs STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors, Club Chambers; or
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 8th day of Feb., 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, 24th February, 1879, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878; and for the election of Directors and Auditors.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th Instant, both days included.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 6, 1879. fe24

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company, will be held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of March next, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of passing certain Special Resolutions providing for the following alterations in the Constitution and Articles of Association of the Company; viz:—

1.—That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as heretofore.
2.—That if in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to Warrant the Payment of Interest at 12 per cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital, they may during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the interests of the Company.
3.—To enable the Directors if a necessity shall arise to pay such Interest or any part thereof out of the Reserve Fund.
4.—To provide that when there shall be profits applicable for dividend the same shall be divisible as the Shareholders in Meeting shall determine.
5.—That Fourteen Days instead of Thirty Days notice may be given of all Meetings of the Company.
6.—That Clause 147 of the Articles of the Company be expunged, leaving future changes in the Regulations of the Company to be made as provided for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1865.

NOTICE is hereby also given, that a Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be held at the same Hour and Place on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of confirming such Special Resolutions as may be passed at the First mentioned Meeting.
Dated this Third day of February, 1879.
By Order,
J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent.

THE S. S. *Radnorshire* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned into their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or Bosta delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless applied for by the Consignees by 11 a.m., To-morrow.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 18th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe18

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. *ATA*.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo per S. S. *Copernicus*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 8th Instant, at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.
Goods remaining unclaimed after Saturday, the 15th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
Hongkong, February 5, 1879.

TO-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "HESPERIA" JOHANNSEN Master, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 14, 1879.

FROM HAMBURG, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Hesperia*, Capt. JOHANNSEN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharf or Bosta delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m. To-morrow, the 15th Instant.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the 21st Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 14, 1879. fe21

NOTICE.

MRS. J. F. ROSE begs to intimate to the Ladies of HONGKONG, CANTON and the COAST PORTS that on the 1st MARCH she will OPEN a DRAPERY and DRESS-MAKING Business in the Premises lately occupied by Messrs. Ross & Co., next door to the Hongkong Hotel, Queen's Road.

All communications to be addressed to Mrs. J. F. Rose, as the Business will be conducted on her sole account.
Hongkong, February 1, 1879. mal

SPANISH STEAMER *LEYTE*.

TENDERS are desired for the REPAIRS of the above Steamer, now in the Port of MANILA and Damaged from collision and stranding.
Such Repairs to include everything necessary to replace the *Leyte* in her class on Lloyd's Register, and to be made under the supervision and to the entire satisfaction of Lloyd's Inspector.
Copy of Survey on the *Leyte* is in the hands of Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.
For further Particulars, apply to PEELE HUBBELL & Co., Manila.
Agents for the *Leyte*.
Hongkong, February 10, 1879. fe15

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the RATE of 3% or \$2.25 per SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be Payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after FRIDAY Next, the 15th Instant.
Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.
Hongkong, January 29, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
FORTENAY, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
PACIFIC, German steamer, Capt. Hornshelm.—Siemsen & Co.
HARON ADLSTEIN, Norwegian steamer, Captain O. O. Berge.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
BETROVEN, German barque, Capt. R. Haje.—Melchers & Co.
S. B. ALLEN, American barque, Captain L. Taylor.—Meyer & Co.
TRINGVALLA, Danish steamer, Captain Molsen.—Meyer & Co.
ARABELLA, British barque, Captain Thos. Pearson.—Master.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, AND PORTS OF CALL.

Intimations.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.
Hongkong, January 29, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

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Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe18

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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All communications to be addressed to Mrs. J. F. Rose, as the Business will be conducted on her sole account.
Hongkong, February 1, 1879. mal

SPANISH STEAMER *LEYTE*.

TENDERS are desired for the REPAIRS of the above Steamer, now in the Port of MANILA and Damaged from collision and stranding.
Such Repairs to include everything necessary to replace the *Leyte* in her class on Lloyd's Register, and to be made under the supervision and to the entire satisfaction of Lloyd's Inspector.
Copy of Survey on the *Leyte* is in the hands of Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.
For further Particulars, apply to PEELE HUBBELL & Co., Manila.
Agents for the *Leyte*.
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Hongkong, February 14, 1879. fe15

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PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TIBRE" Commandant LE PONTRE, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
Hongkong, February 14, 1879.

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PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "DJEMNAH" Commandant HERNANDEZ, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
Hongkong, February 14, 1879.

BRITISH SHIP JAMES SHEPHERD, FROM LONDON.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, February 14, 1879. fe18

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 13, *James Shepherd*, British barque, 849, Madden, London Sept. 17, General.—MELCHERS & Co.
Feb. 13, *Ralph M. Hayward*, American schooner, 605, Doane, Hilo Feb. 2, Sapanwood.—REKEDUX & Co.
Feb. 14, *Mei-chi*, Chinese steamer, 181, R. Matenden, Hoihow Feb. 9, and Haiphong 12, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Feb. 14, *Diamonds*, British steamer, 514, Thebaud, Amoy Feb. 12, General.—RUSSELL & Co.
Feb. 14, *Tenzer*, British steamer, 1224, R. S. Power, Shanghai Feb. 9, and Amoy 13, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Feb. 14, *Hesperia*, German steamer, 1136, Johansen, London Dec. 23, via ports of call, and Singapore Feb. 6, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 14, *Fontaine*, for Callao.
14, *Olympia*, for Saigon.
14, *Staut*, for Keelung.
14, *Theresa*, for Naiti, for Takao.
14, *H.M.S. Iron Duke* (flagship), for gun practice.
14, *H.M.S. Vigilant*, for Pakhoi and Hoihow.
14, *Glengyle*, for London, &c.
14, *Cyphrenes*, for New York, &c.

CLEARED.

Radnorshire, for Yokohama.
Ningpo, for Shanghai.
Thingwalla, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

part in its successful production—from the able conductor (Mr. Sangster) down to the smallest "midshipman"—comes in for a share, large or small, of the common credit due to the entire company.

We will not here touch upon the musical merits of the *Pinafore*, or upon the plot which it develops, especially as the latter has been nearly placed before our readers in another column. The creditable performance of the piece by amateurs is even more remarkable than either the music or the plot. When the curtain rose upon the deck of the vessel, with the Peak and city of Victoria in the background, the first impression was that the Society had taken on board, not a duncun, but a ship, with all her crew and appurtenances. Everything was nautical—some of the "Jacks" were very much so—excepting of course the First Lord and his female relations; and we may as well here remark that there was no hitch throughout, that the musical direction of the entertainment (including the conduct and accompaniment) proceeded with admirable smoothness, and that the arrangements throughout seemed to meet all requirements. For amateurs this speaks volumes.

One remark more about *Sir Joseph*, and that distinguished personage will be disposed of. The manner in which he seems to have caught the spirit of the time in relation to our little political world is as amazing as it was effective, giving occasion as it did to the happiest hits and references to things in general, which sparkled and bubbled over throughout his part, and raised it to an importance which in itself it could never have assumed. And now *Mauiello*, *Henry VIII*, *Twainy*, *Mold*, *Potter*, *Sir Joseph*—good bye! May your shadow and your reputation never be less!

Captain Corcoran, the captain of the *Pinafore*, was the first character ever undertaken on the stage by Mr. P. O'Brien, and as such he looked, acted, and sang his part with great credit to himself and pleasure to the audience. He was a good representation of the substantial but gentlemanly modern naval officer, and the utter disgust which he displayed at the intrusion of *Sir Joseph* and his attendant "sisters and his cousins and his aunts," though it may have imparted a stiffness of aspect to his acting, was very well rendered throughout. With a good voice, his adaptable, correct taste, and careful preparation, he proved himself to be a most valuable aid to a Society aspiring to a great representation.

Mr. Tom Bowling is too well known to require any elaborate notice. His voice has already given him a position before the public, and his personation of *Ralph Rackett* justifies it to the full. But it must be said further that *Ralph* proved on this occasion that he had more dramatic stuff in him than he has shown hitherto; his rendering of the part illustrating some bits of acting which called forth well-merited applause quite apart from his capital singing. It may here be mentioned, as reflecting credit upon Seaman Corcoran and Captain Rackett, that they both looked their original characters better than those assumed after they changed places.

The hideous *Dick Deadeye*—the most thankless and yet probably the most difficult part in the piece—was very effectively sustained by Mr. E. Kwling, who is a new man on the boards, although well known as a warm supporter of musical entertainments as were his brothers before him. His success was clearly shown by the shrill sympathies of the audience towards *Dick*, although this must have increased the difficulty of his role.

Mons. Maurice made a capital, business-like *Boatswain*, and was well rewarded by the audience for his good work; while Mr. H. Swivel looked as he was called upon to do—a well-straitened-up *Sergeant of Marines*.

The part of the prima donna was undertaken by Miss Kerr at a late period of the rehearsal, owing to the indisposition of a lady whose previous successes have frequently been recorded in these columns; and the manner in which the leading character of *Josephine* was sustained has at once established this new candidate for operatic honours in the good opinion of the public. From her first entrance, when she sang the ballad "Sorry her lot who loves too well, until the curtain fell, Miss Kerr succeeded in eliciting the sympathies and commanding the applause of a most discriminating audience. Her slight touch of timidity harmonized with the part she had to fill, and her entire performance, especially her singing, was a genuine success. With her sweet, rich voice, and the careful execution she displayed, she soon won upon her hearers; and amid the applause she evoked, a bouquet thrown on the stage was the signal for a fresh outburst of enthusiasm both sincere and well-deserved. Miss Kerr's acting, though quiet, became her part well; and in more than one scene she exhibited a power which we hope will be called forth on future occasions.

Cousin Hebe was quietly and neatly represented by Miss Fraser, who noted and sang throughout in a very graceful and engaging manner indeed. As leader of the round of seductive "sisters, cousins and aunts," she played her part well, and unfolded into the arms of the big, little First Lord with a winning smile which was applauded to the echo.

Last, but not least—really one of the best parts of the opera—comes *Little Buttercup*, the Bumbast-Woman, baby-farmer, and sweetheart. This character was represented by Madame Chervau, who was warmly greeted, as an old friend of Hongkong audiences, the moment she appeared, with her basket of sailor's "notions," amongst the appreciative crew of the *Pinafore*. *Buttercup's* "get-up" was very happy, and when it is said that her singing and acting were admirably in keeping with her appearance, it will be understood that her representation was successful in the fullest sense.

An amateur well known in our dramatic history introduced a sailor's rumpsteak during the first act with such marvellous skill that he was compelled to reappear, and start afresh; and some of our naval friends asserted that this was the best part of the entertainment.

The Band of the 74th Highlanders played selections during the evening; and the accompaniments were played excellently well by Mr. P. O'Brien.

Owing to their visit to Canton, H. E. the Governor and Mrs. Hennessy were unfortunately unable to be present at the entertainment. There were, however, amongst the present—Major General and Mrs. Donoyan, Vice-Admiral Coote, Lady Smale, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Snowden, Colonel Jago, and a large number of naval and military officers. The audience was one of the largest known in this Colony for many years past.

[BY A CONTRIBUTOR.]

That The Choral Society carry with them the sympathy of all here for the spirited way they are now catering to satisfy the sensitive palate of the Hongkong Community in varying their hitherto stereotyped bill of fare by substituting the fascinating Opera Bouffe, with its bright accessories of scenic effects and gay dresses, for the more æsthetic entertainment of the Concert confined to strictly classical music and draped in the conventional black coat and white tie of rigid propriety,—is now an unquestioned fact. The enthusiasm which drove so many to hurry over an early breakfast and stand on tip-toe outside the doors of Messrs Lane, Crawford's Store before they were opened for the day, on the morning when the tickets for last night's performance were first for sale, showed an impatience for the coming treat that was unmistakable. Had there been a party organization to pack the theatre for some political end, the rush to secure seats could hardly have been greater. So far, however, from any manoeuvring of the kind being discernible, it was evident that the excitement had come upon the City like an epidemic, and the chagrined expression of numbers who went, as they thought, early enough in all conscience to get tickets for the front row, and found themselves relegated to back seats under the gallery, showed how little they expected such keen competition. One thing was clear away,—whether it was the popularity which the particular opera announced had gained for itself in England, or the confidence that was felt in the Company from the specimen they had given of their powers, when, a twelvemonth ago, they first departed from old traditions and inaugurated a new phase of their existence by the production of the operetta "Trial by Jury," the Public expected great things when the curtain should rise on the night fixed for bringing out the Entirely Original Nautical Comic Opera by the same composer entitled *H. M. S. Pinafore*. The most captious critic will hardly dare to say, with the cheers and plaudits of a crammed house still ringing in his ears, that the performance of last night disappointed public expectation. It would be like dissecting a butterfly to analyse a plot light and impalpable as that which afforded as so much amusement a few hours ago. Robbed of its delicate plumage by rough handling, the butterfly would lose all its beauty, and strip, of its stage effect, the piquancy of the acting, and the excellence of the singing, the plot of the *Pinafore* is hardly worth noticing, except for the vein of satire that runs through it directed at the practice that obtains at official Headquarters of appointing men to high positions for which they are totally unfit. A mere outline of the plot will be sufficient for all purposes.

Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B., who owes his appointment of First Lord of the Admiralty to always voting at his party's call, and never thinking for himself, pays a visit of inspection to *H. M. S. Pinafore*, as she lies at anchor opposite our sun, a little city nestling under the bare hills of Hongkong, with his suit for the hand of *Josephine*, Captain Corcoran's daughter, to whom he is an object of aversion, given to him at the time being already given to *Ralph Rackett*, able seaman on board the *Pinafore*, and, according to his own estimation, the smartest lad in all the fleet. The First Lord struts on board, followed by a boy of egyptian female relations—who evidently look upon him as a valuable chattel in which they each have an interest and therefore not to be trusted out of their sight for a moment,—like a Turkey Cook with a train of jealous huns in attendance, and improves the occasion by snubbing the crew that a British Sailor is any man's equal but his own, when he retires to the cabin to refresh the inner man and make love to *Josephine*. After a while *Josephine* comes on deck nauseated with *Sir Joseph's* attention and is encountered by *Ralph*, who declares his love only to be repulsed by her on account of the gulf of social position that separates them and, to avoid his importunities, is driven back into her cabin, reappearing, however, after a short interval just in time to stay the hand of her lover in the act of pistoling himself, when she agrees to elope with him that very night. Here the curtain falls on the first act. The second act represents the same scene by moonlight and discovers the Captain on deck in a very low state of mind, having been threatened by the First Lord with a Court-martial for not dancing the hornpipe to his satisfaction, and is consoled by little *Buttercup*, a bumbast woman "the roughest, roundest and ruddiest beauty in all Hongkong," to such an extent, that he declares he is so touched by her innocent regard for him, that, if they were differently situated, he thinks he could have returned it. On this declaration little *Buttercup* retires, and the Captain receiving warning from *Dick Deadeye*, a hopeless chap and an object of aversion to the others, of his daughter's intended flight with *Ralph Rackett*, lies in wait for the culprit, and, catching them in the act, suffers his temper so far to get the better of him as to swear roundly at them, and to order to his cabin by *Sir Joseph* for using bad language, at the same time that *Ralph* is consigned to the deepest dungeon on board for his audacity in poshoning the First Lord's manor. At this moment little *Buttercup* comes to the rescue like the "Deus ex machina," and explains that, many years ago when she was young and charming—as some presenters are supposed to know—she promised baby-farming, receiving and her care two tender brats, one of low condition, the other upper crust, the well-born babe being *Ralph*, while the Captain was the other, and so mixed them up that (as *Sir Joseph* put it to the latter) it seemed that "you were *Ralph* and *Ralph* was you." This explanation smooths away all difficulties in the way of judicial justice being done to the principal actors on the score of social position; the Captain pairs off with little *Buttercup*, *Ralph* with *Josephine*, and *Sir Joseph* with Cousin Hebe; the most forward of all his female relations, who, once in possession, gives good bye ones for all to her Lord's sisters and his cousins, and his guests, especially his Cousins whom he reckons up by dozens.

That the role of *Sir Joseph Porter*, by so established a favorite as *Sir Joseph Trevelin*, would have been an immense success was a foregone conclusion; but, last night, he appeared in such exceptionally good form,

and so tickled the audience with the good-natured "gag" he introduced on local topics, that he had lately occupied public attention, that he secured for himself a reception, probably never before in any quarter of the world, accorded to an amateur. Mr. Tom Bowling, also a deserved favorite here, not only sustained his former reputation but showed a marked improvement in the spirit he infused into his part. He was in capital voice, his high notes being heard to great advantage, and his solo "A maiden fair to see," which was sung with great expression, elicited a well-deserved encore. The part of *Captain Corcoran*, a true sailor who could hand, reef, and steer and ship a salvage too, whatever that may mean, but a gentleman above all, fitted Mr. William Phebus to a T. It was his first appearance on any stage, and his acting at the beginning, especially in his first scene with little *Buttercup*, wanted more life and life-play; but he warmed up to his part as the play proceeded, and towards the end swore at *Ralph Rackett* for trying to elope with his daughter in good earnest; and he appeared to best advantage just before the curtain fell at the close of the second Act, posed as a Jolly Tar with his arm round his little *Buttercup*. His singing however was his great forte, his rendering of the Solo "Fair Moon to thee I sing," gained the just applause it merited. "Certainly the part could not have fallen to better hands. The odious part of *Dick Deadeye* fell to another novice, Mr. Ewing. Whether the interpretation of the character as rendered by him was the reproduction of some London model, or Mr. Ewing's own idea of the part, it could not have been better rendered in the hands of the oldest professional. His singing too was of a high order, and his whole performance most creditable. Monsieur Maurice as boatswain infused great spirit into his part; and the Crew, one and all, vied with each other in helping on the action of the piece.

Miss Kerr, to whom was apportioned the rôle of *Josephine*, has a rich soprano voice, and the rendering of the solos which fell to her part was most effective. Her self-possession, considering this was the first occasion of her appearing before the public, was remarkable, and the applause which greeted her throughout showed clearly that she was well fitted to take the leading part in any future performance of the kind. Madame Chervau, who took the part of Little *Buttercup*, is an old member of the Choral Society, and seemed perfectly at home on the stage, the music of the part being well calculated to bring out her fine contralto voice with telling effect, while the situations in which she was placed afforded her a wide field for the display of any amount of sly humour, of which she availed herself to the utmost. The Choruses were well sung, from beginning to end, both ladies and gentlemen rendering the music with great spirit and a regard for keeping accurate time which reflects great credit upon the painstaking conductor, Mr. Sangster.

The way the piece was put on the Stage would have been creditable to any London theatre. Nothing was neglected to make the one scene of the piece—the Quarter-deck of a man of war—as realistic as possible. The brightly polished binnacle on the raised poop over the entrance to the cabin—the hammocks stowed in their nettings on the bulwarks in the first act and cleared away in the second—the truly regulation cut of the crew's uniform as well as their beards—the admirable view of Hongkong in the background, made us forget we were in a theatre, and thus enhanced our sympathies with the actors; but no efforts of the Property-man or the Scene painter could have brightened up the stage or evoked the enthusiasm of the audience to half the extent as did the appearance of *Sir Joseph's* Sisters, and his cousins, and his aunts, especially his cousins, in the numbers that graced the board last night.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The departure of the P. M. S. S. *City of Peking* for San Francisco is postponed to Monday, the 24th instant, at 3 p.m.

H. M. S. *Iron Duke* went out for target practice this morning. The *Vigilant* has left for Pakhoi and Hoibow.

Messrs. W. Pustau & Co.'s Furniture & Co. at their house here, was sold by auction today.

We understand that a rifle match is to take place shortly between the Police and the Volunteers, the prize being a cup.

We erroneously alluded to Mr. Theodore Pustau as a bankrupt in our report of the proceedings at the Supreme Court yesterday; it should have been as a witness in the bankruptcy of W. Pustau & Co.

We would call attention to the advertisement about the closing of the Banks on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next at noon; the last two words were omitted from the advertisement which appeared in our issue last evening.

We hear that a most absurd order has been issued to the detective police, viz., that they are in future to wear uniform. Detection now will be almost impossible. The order has emanated, we believe, from some one high in authority and with very little knowledge, we should imagine, of the duties of a detective officer.

Six men who were subpoenaed to appear today before the Supreme Court, failed to answer the summons and had to be brought to the Court. His Lordship asked them for an explanation, and they said they were afraid to come. When asked whether anybody had threatened them, they said no, but they were afraid some one would do them harm. His Lordship told them he would let them go this time, but that they had no cause to be

afraid of any one in Hongkong, and if any one threatened or annoyed them, they could get the protection of the Court.

The North China Desk Hong List for 1879, which has just been published, is a valuable compilation too well-known to residents in the Far East to need any words of recommendation on our part. It is at once a carefully-arranged, well-printed, and handy directory of the foreign establishments at Shanghai and the northern Treaty-Ports, and a compendium of other information, most useful to the community in those places. The publication is a great credit to the office of our morning contemporary at Shanghai.

THE Overland China Mail, for to-morrow's English Mail, (10 pp.) contains the following:—

Editorial Articles.—The So-called Treaty with Japan and the U.S.A., a Serious Disaster in South-Africa, Future Railways for China, Postal Facilities in Japan, Official Changes, the Unofficial Members Thirst After Knowledge, a Governor for N.S.W., the "Lost Tribes" Found, Wenchow and Wuhu, the Outside World, a Bloodless Victory, the Electric Light, Current Topics.

General Articles.—Chinese Notes, Race for the Douglas Challenge Cup, Naval and Military Athletic Sports, "H. M. S. Pinafore" at the City Hall, The Newly Appointed American Consul for Hongkong (Colonel John S. Mosby, of Virginia), Hongkong, Foreign Steamers in China, Amoy Races, Supreme Court, Police Intelligence, Hongkong Horticultural Exhibition Society, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Marine Court of Enquiry, Canton, Manila, The Straits, Latest Dealer's Telegrams, Commercial Summary, Correspondence, Shipping Intelligence.

The following paragraph is taken from the *Englishman* of the 18th instant, and may be of interest to many of our readers here:—

Shippers of goods from Bombay may be glad to learn that the First Judge of the Small Cause Court there has ruled, in a case lately before him, that, according to the custom of the port of Bombay, "wet and stormy days" are not "working days" within the meaning of the latter words when used in a charter party.

HEDGE & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 8th February, 1879:—

Arrivals During the Week.—Jan. 31, Lulu, from Hongkong; Feb. 4, Yesso, from Hongkong; 6, Kwangtung, from Hongkong; 7, Hankwang, from Shanghai. Departures During the Week.—Feb. 2, Douglas, for Hongkong; 4, Europe, for Shanghai; 6, Quickstep, for Shanghai; 9, Yesso, for Hongkong.

Shipping in Port.—Ling Feng, Sheldrake, Cr. sh. y, Lulu, Kwangtung, Hankwang.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending February 9th 1879:—

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|-------------------|------|------|--------|
| Monday, Feb. 3rd, | 67 | 1163 | |
| Tuesday, | 4th, | 77 | 1045 |
| Wednesday, | 5th, | 59 | 627 |
| Thursday, | 6th, | 72 | 689 |
| Friday, | 7th, | 77 | 552 |
| Saturday, | 8th, | 81 | 638 |
| Sunday, | 9th, | 72 | Sunday |

Totals, 505 4,764

Grand total, 5,269.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION. (Before the Hon. Mr. Justice SNOWDEN.) 14th February, 1879.

Forbes v. Ah Yon, \$615.—This was a claim arising out of a breach of contract. The plaintiff's firm (Messrs Russell & Co.) sold to the defendant 500 tons of coal of a certain quality for cash, to be taken delivery of within one month. The defendant had taken delivery of one half of the coal, and the balance he refused to receive. The coal was subsequently sold, and the plaintiff sought to recover the difference between the contract price and the price realized, interest at 12 per cent, and godown rent for 8 months.

The defence set up was that the defendant had declined to take delivery, and that being so, it was the duty of the plaintiff to have sold it at the market rate. That, instead of this being done, the coal was kept for 8 or 9 months, and was then sold without being put on the market. This was all the defence.

His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiff, with costs.

Mr. Wotton (of Mr. Brereton's office) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Sharp for the defendant.

Lee Afat v. The Australasian Steam Navigation Company, \$217.00. Ho Ato v. Same.

These cases which were test cases and actions on the part of two firemen against the above Company for liquidated damages and balance of 2 months wages (from 8th Dec. 1878 to 9th Feb. 1879) were resumed today.

Mr. Brereton said he was in a very unfortunate position. Some of the Chinese passengers had had their agreements taken from them by their head-men who wanted to compel them to take proceedings, and they had been threatened if they came forward and gave evidence.

His Lordship said that if that could be proved, he would know how to deal with the guilty parties.

Mr. Francis said that he would call His Lordship's attention to the fact that the statements now made differed materially from those formerly put forward. His learned friend had said there were only one or two men who had not given up their agreements. The men whom he (Mr. Francis) represented were twelve in number, and there was no head-man. He (Mr. Francis) had refused to deal with any head-men, and his clients had all come forward individually.

Mr. Brereton said he had six men whom he would like to bring forward; they were willing to come, but under compulsion. He would subpoena them.

The six men were brought into Court, but were not examined.

Mr. Francis addressed the Court and said, he would not call any evidence at

the witnesses called by Mr. Brereton had embodied all his (Mr. Francis's) witnesses would have said.

Mr. Brereton addressed the Court for the defence at considerable length. He said, that if the men had been left on the island for six months, and had suffered endless privations, they would have had cause to complain, but this was not the case; they had received every attention and had been provided with a comfortable passage back to Hongkong. The learned counsel then alluded to the words used by Mr. Francis—disreputable advantage—and submitted that no advantage whatever had been taken of them. Mr. Francis had admitted that the Company's agent (Mr. Baird) had been placed in an extremely difficult position. He submitted that if the men had gone on to Sydney and shipped on board of any of the Company's steamers, that the three years' agreement would have become a bit of waste paper. Alluding to the penal clause which was inserted in the agreement, by which headmen would have to forfeit a sum equivalent to 12 months' pay, he said that was inserted in the case the men should run away to the diggings upon their arriving at their destination.

Mr. Francis said he would like to call His Lordship's attention to the fact that his friend did not treat the matter in this way in his opening remarks.

His Lordship said he thought Mr. Brereton was quite in order. Mr. Francis might have an opportunity to make a few remarks in reply.

Mr. Brereton then revived the treatment the men had been subjected to, which he said was of the very best. He alluded to the loss the Company had already incurred in the loss of a steamer, and having had to send two vessels to Thursday Island in consequence. If the men had shown that they had suffered any loss it would be different, but they had not. They had received three months' pay each, and a free passage to and fro, and yet Mr. Francis had advised them to bring an action against the Company. The Company was anxious to obtain the services of the men—or they would not have entered into agreement—and gone to the expense they had gone to—but subsequently they found it would be injudicious to employ them; it would be on their own part and very unfair to the men. No man cares to have to walk about with a loaded revolver in his pocket. The Company were acting a humane part in bringing the men back. After hearing the evidence of Captain Johnson and Edmondson it was monstrous to speak of threats. Some people thought public companies fair game for plunder. He submitted that there had been accord and satisfaction on the part of the men. The twelve witnesses Mr. Francis was going to put into the box have, he said, dwindled down to nothing. Nothing had been proved of the threats and coercion Mr. Francis had spoken of. He would ask His Lordship if he thought the plaintiffs were entitled to any damages, but the damages be assessed by a Jury, but he Mr. Brereton would ask His Lordship to dismiss the case with costs.

Mr. Francis replied and held that if any of the men had proceeded to Sydney and shipped upon any of the Company's steamers, the articles they then signed, as required by the Merchant Shipping Act, would only have been a subsidiary agreement, and that as soon as it expired the original three years' agreement would be in force until the three years were fully completed.

His Lordship said he did not think the case would be complete without the evidence of Chan Afat (one of the plaintiffs). Chan Afat was accordingly called and examined, and that concluded the case. Judgment was reserved.

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Croagh, Esq.) 13th February, 1879.

THE ROBBERY FROM CAPTAIN DEANE.

Sukmandun Durga, a watchman at Messrs Sayle & Co.'s, was charged on remand with being in the unlawful possession of a silver watch and gold chain, the property of Captain Deane, Superintendent of Police, and further with having given willful false testimony in connection with the affair against one Surranat Singh (P. C. No. 667).

Mr. Dennis appeared on behalf of the defendant, who pleaded guilty and begged the mercy of the Court, asking that the case be summarily dealt with. His Worship ordered the defendant to pay \$50 as compensation to the constable, or in default six months' hard labour, and further fined him \$20 for unlawful possession of the watch or in default two months' imprisonment. His Worship remarked that the offence of which the defendant had been guilty was a very serious one, especially the charge he had brought against the constable.

(Both Magistrates sitting.) Feb. 14, 1879.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$11,000.

Fong A-yow, described as a Comprodor to Messrs Murray Kessowjee & Co., was charged on remand with embezzling \$11,048, or thereabouts, the moneys of his employers, with which he was entrusted by virtue of his employment. At the request of Mr. Caldwell, who appeared to prosecute, the case was further remanded for a week.

DRUNKENNESS.

Alexander Moore, carpenter British str. *Radnorshire* (1) was fined 50 cents for being drunk and ordered to pay 50 cents for chair hire.

THE BLACK WATCHER'S STRIKE.

William Smith, John Gill, and August Peterson, seamen British barque *Black Watch*, were charged with being stragglers from their ship. They admitted being stragglers but said they had been littered on board their ship and would not return to their duty. A Court of inquiry had been held to investigate the alleged littering, and the case had been decided against them. Defendants were sent to gaol for three months at the order of Captain. After entering gaol the 2nd defendant applied to be sent on board his ship and his request was granted.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Chan Alung, a bricklayer, was fined \$10 for being found in possession of two iron bolts, which had been taken from the ruins of the Old Government Civil Hospital.

Chan Afat, a marine hawker, was fined \$10 or six weeks' hard labour for being found in the unlawful possession of a found in the unlawful possession of a quantity of copper nails. He had previously been convicted for larceny and sentenced to 2 months' hard labour.

EXPENSIVE FOUILITY.

Li Asam, a coolie, was charged with stealing a fowl the property of a man at Yow-mah-see. He was caught in the act and had the fowl under his arm when arrested.

There was one previous conviction against him, and Mr. Francis now sentenced him to six months' hard labour and 4 hours' exposure in the stocks.

Mr. Croagh now sentenced him to pay a fine of \$10 or in default 4 weeks' hard labour, to take effect at the expiration of his former sentence.

NO LICENSE.

Chan A-I and Wong Akam, two boat-women were fined \$2 each for plying for hire without a license.

OUR "LOOK-ONS."

Leung Achun (P. C. 152) was summoned for neglect of duty in not apprehending certain persons whom he had seen assaulting a man named Cheung Aing, and further with assaulting the said Cheung Aing, (a building contractor). The defence set up was to the effect that he (defendant) was in plain clothes when he heard a disturbance, and then saw several men running away. Complainant asked him to catch the men, and defendant said it was impossible. He denied striking the complainant but said the complainant struck him (defendant). This was disproved, and Mr. Croagh fined the Constable \$3 for assaulting the complainant, but acquitted him of the other charge.

LARCENY FROM A SHIP.

Agust Olsen, a seaman belonging to the American barque *Coloma*, and Lan Ah, a bumbast-man were charged on remand with being concerned in stealing 50 bags of flour from the American barque *Coloma*. No further evidence was taken, but the case was further remanded till to-morrow at noon.

ASSAULT.

Chung Aai, a shop coolie, was charged with assaulting one Chit Aagan, a barber. Sergeant Staunton applied for a remand as he said the complainant had to be sent to Hospital as he had a wound in the head which was believed to be a serious one. The case was therefore remanded till Monday.

COMMERCIAL.

February 14.

A good business has been done in Bengal Opium since last advice. The rates for both kinds have advanced, particularly during the past few days, as the supplies received by the steamers have been pretty well concentrated; and the advice of higher prices ruling at the other end has also tended to stiffen the rates. The active dealers have very fully supplied the market for the present, consequently the course of the market is not likely to be much affected for the present. The current rates are \$580 to \$582½ for Patna, and \$547½ to \$550 for Benares.

The receipts for the month, so far, show an aggregate of 4,102 chests, against 3,070 chests to the corresponding date last year. During the closing fortnight some 1,800 chests have been taken by the local consumers, leaving the available supply computed at 3,500 chests, against 3,700 chests same time last year. Of this last quantity 1,000 chests were Benares, of which kind a similar quantity comprises its present stock.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, February 14, 1879.

OPPIUM.—New Patna, cash, \$580 credit, — Old Patna, cash, — credit, — New Benares, cash, 550 credit, — Old Benares, cash, — credit, — New Malwa, cash, 610 credit, — Allowance, — credit, — Old Malwa, cash, — credit, 620 Allowance, — credit, —

Exchange.

Bank, Telegraphic, ... 3/4 3/4
" 30 days' sight, ... 3/4 3/4
" 6 months' sight, ... 3/4 3/4
Credits, ... 3/4 3/4
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/4 3/4
India, Telegraphic, ... 219
" demand, ... 220
Shanghai, demand, ... 72 1/2
" 80 days' sight, ... 73
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... 108 1/2
Sycee, ... 109
Mexican, ... 2 1/2
Gold Leaf, 90's touch, ... 25.80
Sovereigns, ... 5.65

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 51% prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,600
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,500
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., \$1,718 ex. div.
Chinese Insurance Co., \$500
North China Ins. Co., \$1,800
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$320
China Fire Ins. Co., \$475
H.K. & W. Doek Co., \$24
H.K. & W. Doek Co., 8 dls. ex. div.
Shanghai Steam Navigation, \$15
China Coast St. Nav. Co., \$15
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$55
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$138
China Sugar Refining Co., \$103
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$103
Do, of 1877, \$103.10.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, February 14, 1879.

Sails.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MED-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON;
VIA BOMBAY,
ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
MALWA, Captain P. S. TOMLIN, will leave
this on SATURDAY, the 15th February,
at Noon.
Tea and General Cargo for London will be
conveyed via Bombay without transship-
ment, arriving one week later than by the
direct route. Silk and Valuables will be
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at
Galle.
For further Particulars, apply to
A. MOLLER, Superintendent,
Hongkong, February 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
BAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, PATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN,
COLOMBO, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
ALSO
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 22nd February,
1879, at Noon, the Company's S.S.
YANKEE, Commandant NONDETTE,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and no-
tified in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.
Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
On the 21st February, 1879. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.
For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent,
Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF
PEKING will be despatched from San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY,
the 24th Instant, at 3 p.m., taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.
Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.
Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.
On THROUGH PASSAGES TO EUROPE,
a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER
CENT from Regular Rates is granted to
OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY,
AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND
CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISS-
ION.
Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m., of 23rd Instant. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.
Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.
For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.
RUSSALI & Co., Agents,
Hongkong, February 14, 1879.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL
AND
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BELGIO will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on or about the 15th day of March, 1879, at
5 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.
Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 14th March. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.
A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.
For further information as to Freight
on Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 87, Queen's Road Central.
G. B. BENTLEY, Agent,
Hongkong, February 6, 1879.

Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS
STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at
Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS
GODOWNS, under European supervision;
and VESSELS Discharged alongside the
WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick
despatch.

MEYER & Co.,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI
during the Summer Months, leaving
Hongkong on the 1st of April next.
Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

MOORE & Co.,
"VARIETY STORE,"
NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS.
No. 42, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER,
DR. EASTLACK will receive his
PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS,
No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the
MEDICAL HALL.
Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

HUTCHINGS
begs to announce to the Community
of Hongkong that he will be able to supply
BEEF, MUTTON, &c.,
from 1st October, and trusts that they may
grant him their support.
Shop—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite
the Cathedral.
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable
for OFFICES and DWELLING, also
for a STORE, Queen's Road Central.
Possession 1st March next.
Apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
formerly known as the Blue Houses,
situate on Praya East—
FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession
1st February.
HOUSE No. 4, Praya East, either the
whole House or in Flats, with possession
on the 1st April next.

As also,
A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the
Dwelling to the eastward of the Pier,
with part of its spacious Verandah. Imme-
diate Possession.

TO LET.
FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,
MARINE LOT 65.
Also,
A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close
to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on
Storage or the Yard Rented.
For further particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.,
Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO BE LET.
TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,
Praya Central.
Apply to
TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

TO LET.
FIRST-CLASS OFFICES AND GO-
DOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60,
Praya Central.
Apply to
WO HANG,
Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.
Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

Insurances.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-
named Company, are prepared to Grant
POLICIES against FIRE on Buildings and
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-
count of 20 per cent.
Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in
China.
MEYER & Co.,
Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.
MELOHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).
NOTICE.
POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent,
Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE,
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows—
Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.
Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.
Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.
ESTABLISHED 1824.
Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £ 100,000 "
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000 "
Annual Income £ 250,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 18, 1869.

Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.
Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.
ESTABLISHED 1809.
CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to
grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.
THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against Fire to the extent of
£45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.
NORTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

BERLIN COLOGNE
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
BERLIN.
Guarantee Funds of the
Company's Reinsurers, M. 100,000,000
Shareholders' Capital, " 6,000,000
Premiums and Interests " 5,157,643
Reserves, " 1,566,122
Makes a Grand Total of... M. 112,523,768
Capital Insured end of 1877, M. 1,924,507,681

THE Undersigned having been Appoint-
ed AGENTS GENERAL for the
above Company, are prepared to grant
Insurances to the extent of \$50,000 on
First-class Risks at Current Rates.
GROSSMANN & Co.,
Agents General.
Hongkong, January, 1879.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.
(FIRE AND LIFE).
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STEELING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or
on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.
Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.
If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.
For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saigon and Penang.
Kiosks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.
NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE,
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
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His Majesty King George The First,
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Agents for the above Corporation are
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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 18, 1869.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

| Vessel's Name. | Anchor. | Captain. | Flag and Rig. | Tons. | Date of Arrival. | Consignees or Agents. | Destination. | Remarks. |
|---------------------|---------|------------|---------------|-------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Steamers | | | | | | | | |
| Albany | 7 c | F. Ashton | Brit. str. | 366 | Jan. 18 | Douglas Lapraik & Co. | ..... | K'loon Dock |
| America | 4 c | Graham | Brit. str. | 1000 | Jan. 17 | Birley & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Arratoon Apur | 5 h | Macetavah | Brit. str. | 1392 | Feb. 6 | David Sassoon, Sons & Co. | S'pore, Calcutta, &c. | To-morrow |
| Bombay | 1 h | ..... | Brit. str. | 749 | Feb. 12 | Kwok Achong | ..... | ..... |
| Brisbane | 2 h | Reddell | Brit. str. | 891 | Feb. 1 | 31bb, Livingston & Co. | Australian Ports | 22nd inst. |
| Burmese | 5 c | Luck | Brit. str. | 1851 | Feb. 10 | Melchers & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Cassandra | 4 c | Langer | Ger. str. | 937 | Feb. 10 | Siemssen & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Charlton | 5 c | Johnson | Brit. str. | 786 | Feb. 1 | Geo. R. Stevens & Co. | Port Darwin | 17th inst. |
| City of Peking | 5 c | Berry | Amer. str. | 5079 | Feb. 2 | P. M. S. S. Co. | Y'hama & San F'elisco | Mails, 24th |
| Clyde | 5 c | Prowse | Brit. str. | 810 | Feb. 7 | Captain | New York | To-day |
| Cyphreus | 5 c | Largie | Brit. str. | 1286 | Feb. 12 | Adamson, Bell & Co. | Manila | To-morrow |
| Diamante | 5 h | Thebaud | Brit. str. | 514 | Feb. 14 | Russell & Co. | ..... | Tug Plying |
| Fame | 5 h | Stopani | Brit. str. | 117 | ..... | H. K. & W'poo Dock Co. | London, &c. | To-day |
| Glengyle | 5 c | Quarty | Brit. str. | 1264 | Feb. 12 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | Tamsui, &c. | To-morrow |
| Hailong | 5 h | Goode | Brit. str. | 277 | Feb. 8 | Douglas Lapraik & Co. | Coast Ports | 16th, daylight |
| Kwangtung | 5 h | Punchard | Brit. str. | 675 | Feb. 12 | Siemssen & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Maharajah | 2 h | Clark | Brit. str. | 994 | Feb. 11 | P. & O. S. N. Co. | Europe, &c. | To-morrow |
| Malwa | 5 c | Tomlin | Brit. str. | 1775 | Feb. 10 | Remedios & Co. | Manila | Ab'deen Dock |
| Mariveles | 5 c | Munoz | Span. str. | 400 | Feb. 14 | C. M. S. N. Co. | Hoihow & Halphong | To-morrow |
| Me-Il | 4 h | Marecen | Chi. str. | 181 | Feb. 14 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | S'pore, Calcutta, &c. | To-morrow |
| Moray | 5 h | Katchef | Brit. str. | 761 | Feb. 13 | Siemssen & Co. | Shanghai | To-morrow |
| Ningpp | 5 c | Oss | Brit. str. | 606 | June 28 | Kwok Achong | Australian Ports | K'loon Dock |
| Norna | 3 k | Edmondson | Brit. str. | 971 | Feb. 1 | Geo. R. Stevens & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Ocean | 4 c | Bernsheim | Ger. str. | 69 | Jan. 16 | Siemssen & Co. | Saigon | 21st inst. |
| Pacific | 5 c | Hyde | Brit. str. | 643 | Feb. 17 | Melchers & Co. | Yokohama & Higo | To-morrow |
| Pernambuco | 3 h | McKirdy | Belg. str. | 2287 | Dec. 17 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | Bangkok | at daylight |
| Perusia | 5 c | Thompson | Brit. str. | 1201 | Feb. 12 | 31bb, Livingston & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Rajnathianhar | 2 h | Hopkins | Brit. str. | 938 | Feb. 12 | Yuen Fat Hong | ..... | ..... |
| Rajasthanhar | 3 h | Evans | Amer. str. | 48 | July 18 | W. H. Ray | Yokohama | Mails |
| Sea Gull | 5 c | Reeves | Brit. str. | 1029 | Feb. 12 | P. & O. S. N. Co. | ..... | K'loon Dock |
| Sunda | 5 c | ..... | Brit. str. | 820 | Jan. 9 | Douglas Lapraik & Co. | Swatow | ..... |
| Thales | 5 c | Molsen | Dan. str. | 1577 | Feb. 11 | Meyer & Co. | ..... | Wanchai Pier |
| Thingvalla | 4 c | Goggin | Brit. str. | 286 | Feb. 11 | Kwok Achong | ..... | ..... |
| Yotung | 2 h | ..... | Brit. str. | ..... | ..... | Russell & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Zephyr | 1 h | ..... | Brit. str. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Sailing Vessels | | | | | | | | |
| Abbey Cowper | 3 c | Car | Brit. bge. | 689 | Jan. 20 | Meyer & Co. | New York | ..... |
| Agate | 3 c | Pike | Amer. bge. | 620 | Dec. 20 | Vogel & Co. | Portland | ..... |
| Alden Besse | 4 c | Noyes | Amer. bge. | 850 | Dec. 17 | Rozario & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Alfredo | 3 c | Pittaluga | Ital. bge. | 909 | Jan. 17 | Borneo Co., Limited | San Francisco | Channel f.o. |
| Arabella | 1 c | Pearson | Brit. bge. | 665 | Feb. 4 | Master | ..... | ..... |
| Beethoven | 8 k | Baye | Ger. bge. | 840 | Jan. 25 | Melchers & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Black Hawk | 8 c | Boylard | Amer. sh. | 1126 | Jan. 18 | Vogel & Co. | Portland (Oregon) | ..... |
| Black Watch | 4 c | Keandjoe | Brit. bge. | 401 | Dec. 6 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Bury St. Edmunds | 8 c | Kendajoe | Dan. sh. | 718 | Jan. 25 | Borneo Co., Limited | ..... | ..... |
| Channel Queen | 8 c | Lecheur | Brit. sh. | 609 | Jan. 25 | Eduard Schellhass & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Charles Maurean | 1 c | Fustrow | Fch. bge. | 369 | Feb. 6 | Landstein & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Charmar | 3 c | Lucas | Amer. sh. | 1833 | Jan. 8 | Order | ..... | ..... |
| Christina | 3 c | Capra | Nic.3 m.s.c. | 173 | Dec. 23 | J. J. dos Remedios & Co. | Portland (Oregon) | ..... |
| Coeran | 8 h | ..... | Amer. sch. | 188 | July 18 | W. H. Ray | ..... | ..... |
| Coloma | 4 c | Hall | Amer. bge. | 863 | Nov. 16 | Russell & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Commissary | 7 h | Morison | Brit. sh. | 900 | Oct. 23 | Meyer & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Conchita | 3 c | Arias | Span. lge. | 408 | Feb. 18 | Remedios & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Corea | 4 k | Pearce | Brit. bge. | 555 | Jan. 9 | Meyer & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Cresswell | 1 c | White | Brit. bge. | 464 | Jan. 6 | Wieler & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Deux Freres | 3 c | Chansen | Fch. bge. | 567 | Feb. 3 | Messageries Maritimes | ..... | ..... |
| Elizabeth | 4 k | Ohlsen | Ger. bge. | 442 | Feb. 3 | Wieler & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Elizabeth Nicholson | 8 c | Grierson | Brit. sh. | 904 | Oct. 27 | Borneo Co., Limited | Portland (Oregon) | ..... |
| Formosa | 4 k | Schweer | Ger. bge. | 232 | Dec. 17 | Melchers & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Forward | 2 c | Vandevord | Brit. bge. | 744 | Dec. 17 | Rozario & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Hansa | 8 k | Deneken | Ger. bge. | 490 | Feb. 4 | Wieler & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Hattie N. Bangs | 4 c | Bangs | Am.3m.s.c. | 568 | Dec. 1 | Captain | Nagasaki | ..... |
| Hazelhurst | 8 k | Goodey | Brit. bge. | 877 | Jan. 18 | Vogel & Co. | New York | ..... |
| Helene | 2 c | Snow | Amer. bge. | 603 | Jan. 1 | Russell & Co. | Victoria (V. I.) | ..... |
| Herbert Black | 4 k | Treat | Amer. bge. | 573 | Jan. 2 | Rozario & Co. | Portland (Oregon) | ..... |
| Highlander | 4 k | Huthinson | Amer. sh. | 1352 | June 19 | Vogel & Co. | Hamburg | ..... |
| Holstein | 2 h | Kulper | Ger.3m.s.c. | 547 | Feb. 6 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | Callao | ..... |
| Hylton Castle | 4 c | Scott | Brit. bge. | 1450 | Dec. 6 | Meyer & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Invisible | 7 c | Strickland | Amer. sh. | 481 | Jan. 18 | Meyer & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Irene | 3 c | Affer | Affer sch. | 840 | Feb. 14 | Melchers & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| James Shepherd | 3 c | Madden | Brit. bge. | 406 | Feb. 8 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| John K. Stanhope | 3 c | Pellburg | Amer. bge. | 504 | Feb. 12 | Carlowitz & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Julia | 2 c | College | Brit. bge. | 453 | Jan. 24 | Wieler & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Kirkland | 8 c | Dudfold | Brit. bge. | 472 | Jan. 19 | Order | ..... | ..... |
| Lota | 3 c | Skierich | Ger.3m.s.c. | 245 | Oct. 17 | Eduard Schellhass & Co. | Haiphong | ..... |
| Louisa | 3 c | Ericksen | Ger. bge. | 442 | Jan. 20 | Wieler & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Maria Louisa | 3 c | McKeon | Brit. bge. | 500 | Dec. 24 | Rozario & Co. | San Francisco | ..... |
| Marquis of Argyll | 4 c | Dawes | Amer. sh. | 1165 | Nov. 10 | Russell & Co. | Honolulu | ..... |
| Matthias | 3 c | Soule | Am.3m.s.c. | 484 | Jan. 1 | Vogel & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Mignon | 1 h | Michaelsen | Siam. bge. | 570 | Dec. 30 | Wieler & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Morning Star | 2 c | Wortley | Brit. bge. | 827 | Jan. 30 | Lane, Crawford & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Northern Star | 3 c | Ballehr | Ger. bge. | 421 | Feb. 6 | Siemssen & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Papa | 3 c | Blöse | Ger. bge. | 392 | Feb. 10 | Carlowitz & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Pella | 2 h | Quillard | Fch. bge. | 324 | Feb. 12 | Captain | ..... | ..... |
| Paul Marie | 3 c | Mullins | Amer. sh. | 1735 | Feb. 11 | Wieler & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Paul Revere | 3 c | Southwood | Brit. bge. | 301 | Feb. 15 | Russell & Co. | Bangkok | ..... |
| Philippine | 3 c | Fowle | Amer. sh. | 550 | Jan. 13 | Rozario & Co. | San Francisco | ..... |
| Pilgrim | 2 c | Phelan | Amer. bge. | 605 | Feb. 14 | Remedios & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| P. Fitzpatrick | 2 c | Doane | Amer. sch. | 611 | Feb. 10 | Vogel & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Ralph M. Hayward | 2 c | Brown | Amer. bge. | 250 | Feb. 7 | Remedios & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Rosetta McNeil | 3 c | Vidarte | Span. sch. | 908 | Jan. 1 | Adamson, Bell & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| San Lorenzo | 3 c | Richard | Brit. bge. | 686 | Jan. 26 | Meyer & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Silver Eagle | 7 k | Taylor | Amer. bge. | 1102 | Dec. 30 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Stillman R. Allen | 4 c | Barlett | Amer. bge. | 1150 | Dec. 17 | Russell & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Stonewall Jackson | 8 k | Miller | Brit. bge. | 500 | Dec. 21 | Captain | ..... | ..... |
| Strathmore | 4 c | Hemsworth | Brit. bge. | 943 | Jan. 9 | Vogel & Co. | London | ..... |
| Sumaride | 3 k | Clough | Amer. sh. | 1090 | Sept. 5 | Russell & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Sumatra | 3 k | Miller | Brit. sh. | 1063 | Jan. 9 | Vogel & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Sydenham | 4 c | Smith | Amer. bge. | 682 | Jan. 9 | Douglas Lapraik & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Thos. A. Goddard | 2 c | Tremoya | Span. bge. | 518 | Jan. 24 | Remedios & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Vicenta | 8 h | Gealy | Amer. sch. | 592 | Jan. 13 | Captain | ..... | ..... |
| Wm. Phillips | 8 h | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| WHARVES | | | | | | | | |
| Cerdouan | ..... | Berland | Fch. bge. | 450 | Feb. 4 | Carlowitz & Co. | Fientain | ..... |
| Delphin | ..... | Lionthal | Ger.3m.s.c. | 238 | Feb. 10 | Wieler & Co. | Chefoo | ..... |
| Koko | ..... | Tocer | Brit. bge. | 369 | Feb. 12 | Arnhold, Karberg & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Evo | ..... | Merceron | Fch. bge. | 327 | Feb. 18 | Meyer & Co. | Fientain | ..... |
| Helene | ..... | Volgardsen | Ger. bge. | 32 | Jan. 18 | Wieler & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| Pacific Slope | ..... | Tank | Brit. bge. | 709 | Jan. 19 | Russell & Co. | Chefoo | ..... |
| Prince Arthur | ..... | Wills | Brit. bge. | 206 | Feb. 11 | Eduard Schellhass & Co. | ..... | ..... |
| CANON | | | | | | | | |
| China | ..... | Ackermann | Ger. str. | 648 | Feb. 13 | Siemssen & Co. | Shanghai | ..... |
| Hwai Yuen | ..... | Wilson | Chi. str. | 984 | Feb. 13 | C. M. S. N. Co. | Shanghai | ..... |